

**[CLAIMS]**

[Claim 1] A method for controlling a washing machine comprising the steps of:

sensing a laundry amount;

repeatedly supplying washing water to a tub of the washing machine with reference to the laundry amount sensed thus; and

circulating the washing water for a predetermined time period for wetting the laundry,

wherein the step of circulating is performed only once.

2. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of circulating is performed after all the step of supplying is finished.

3. The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of determining a quantity of washing water to be supplied in the step of supplying according to the laundry amount before the step of supplying.

4. The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the step of determining a quantity includes the step of setting a total time period of the step of supplying.

5. The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of setting a time period of the step of circulating washing water according to the laundry quantity at least before the step of circulating washing water.

6. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of circulating washing water includes the step of positioning the washing water at the tub and an inside of the tub, and circulating the washing water between the tub and the inside of the tub and a drum.

7. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of circulating washing water is performed after a step of initial supply of washing water is finished in the step of supplying washing water.

8. The method as claimed in claim 7, further comprising the step of determining a quantity of washing water to be supplied during the step of initial supply of washing water according to the laundry amount sensed before the step of supplying washing water.

9. The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the step of determining a quantity of washing water includes the step of setting a total time period of the step of initial supply of washing water.

10. The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the step of determining a quantity of washing water includes the step of setting a water level to be reached in the step of initial supply of washing water.

11. The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of rotating the drum of the washing machine in the middle of the step of supplying washing water.

12. The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of rotating the drum of the washing machine after finish of the step of supplying washing water.

13. The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of rotating the drum of the washing machine during the step of circulating washing water.

14. A method for controlling a washing machine comprising the steps of:  
making an initial supply of washing water for a predetermined time period;  
circulating the washing water for a predetermined time period for wetting the laundry;  
and  
repeatedly supplying the washing water at regular intervals without the circulation of the washing water.

15. The method as claimed in claim 14, further comprising the step of rotating the drum of the washing machine during the step of circulating washing water.

16. The method as claimed in claim 14, further comprising the step of rotating the drum of the washing machine in alternation with the step of supplying washing water.

17. The method as claimed in claim 14, further comprising the step of rotating the drum of the washing machine after the step of supplying washing water.